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A VITAL WORK.

The Times-Dispatch had intended to present to-morrow what it conceives to be a very important suggestion looking to the improvement of James River and the development of the now stagnant shipping on that valuable waterway. That intention will be carried out, as planned some days ago. Meantime The Times-Dispatch begs to direct most earnest attention to the paper read yesterday before the James River Improvement Committee by John C. Freeman, and to the resolutions offered by him. It would be impossible to lay too much stress on Mr. Freeman's argument or to exaggerate the importance of the end which these resolutions strive to attain.

James River is possibly the most valuable of all our assets. A manufacturing and jobbing center is built up on freight rates, and a navigable stream is the surest inducer of low freight rates that has ever been discovered. But the stream must be kept navigable, easily and cheaply navigable, or the advantage which nature has bestowed is deliberately thrown away. Is James River easily and cheaply navigable? Mr. Freeman shows that the average cost of water transportation throughout the country is about one-sixth of the average cost of rail transportation, while the cost of water transportation on James River is in many cases exactly the same as the cost by rail, and rarely or never much less. He shows that prior to October, 1892, when some kind of an agreement between the rival carriers appears to have been reached, water rates on the James were much lower than rail rates and very much lower than they are to-day. He shows that while the manufacturing and jobbing business of Richmond has nearly doubled in the last fifteen years, the water-borne freight from Richmond has stood still, or worse. He shows that of the total amount annually spent on James River, some \$15,000 goes to keeping clear the berth of the single steamship freight line which now operates the river. And he concludes, with logic that cannot be shaken, that back of these disastrous things lie "causes which, it seems to me, it is the duty of this committee to discover."

Improvements in the Great Lake waterways cost \$70,000,000, and equipped these highways to save the American people \$300,000,000 in freight rates a single year. It is the same story everywhere. No amount of money wisely spent on the development of James River shipping could possibly be an extravagant amount. By all means let the Council begin with the building of a new city wharf at Gillies Creek. By all means let the business men organize a shippers' association, which shall immediately take steps to utilize our great natural advantage and throw back to the river the heavy competing traffic which rightfully belongs there.

PRIMARY EXPENDITURES: HOW THEY MAY BE LIMITED.

The New York Tribune, which favors the direct primary, has had to defend its position continuously against a number of able and indefatigable contemporaries which favor almost anything else. On the whole, the Tribune is holding its ground staunchly and well. Not long ago it met the familiar objection of expense of candidacy, previously made in this paper, that the maximum expenditure of candidates be limited by law. The critics instantly arose and howled with one voice that such a step would be "unconstitutional." A man has a natural right, they protest, to spend all the money he likes for advertising, stenographers, postage stamps, car fare and the like. The Tribune makes the obvious reply that where the normal or usual privileges of an individual conflict with the public good, the individual privileges must give way.

The legalized primary itself was once loudly denounced as "unconstitutional." A party, we were told, was simply a group of men who voluntarily banded themselves together into a club for the transaction of certain business; and the State had no right in the world to say how they should transact that business, provided that they kept within the police regulations.

Yet the constitutionality of primary laws has always been upheld by the courts. We are confident that the courts will prove the same here. We are confident that the courts will fully recognize that in minimizing the power of money in primary elections, the State is serving the public good, and that legislation looking to that end should be fully upheld.

But if the limitation of expenditures by law should be declared unconstitutional, we still need not be without hope. Why, in fact, is such a law a sine qua non? Why is not a party rule as good? If a mandatory primary law cannot forbid candidates to expend more than a fixed maximum, it will at least be silent on the point. It will at least not forbid the parties to go to forbid their own candidates. Where the law is silent, in fact, the parties are free to fill the void in such manner as they see fit. We know of no power which could prevent them from ruling, through their State convention or other final authority, that none of their members could run for office without first pledging himself to keep his expenditures below a certain stipulated amount. It would be aspirants complained that they are being robbed of their natural rights, the courts would then inform them that they were mistaken. A party is a voluntary association, and men are admitted to it only on such terms as it may choose to lay down, not in conflict with the statutes. If a man does not like the terms his party offers, he may freely withdraw and affiliate himself with some other association.

MR. TAFT'S BACKHAND TO HIS PARTY IN VIRGINIA.

Realizing as we do that the Republican party is struggling against tremendous odds in this campaign, hopelessly beaten before it began, we greatly dislike to see untoward happenings crop up to add to its already heavy embarrassment. As a Democratic journal, it becomes our duty from time to time to point out that party's errors, to chide its little oversights and lapses, gently to rebuke and correct its trifling misbehaviors. But we do as little of this as possible, and always with something of that reluctance which overtakes the tender-hearted father in the woodshed. As to hailing with delight damning "breaks" within its own lines, such a thing is utterly foreign and abhorrent to our nature. As well huzzah when the lad of sixteen, fighting alone against ten of his elder playmates, unluckily slips and smashes his business arm.

Therefore we have read with a feeling of compassion that touches close to indignation and resentment Mr. Taft's letter to Hon. Bascom Slemp. In this letter Mr. Taft pretends to give aid and comfort to Virginia Republicans. Undoubtedly he started out with this intention, expressing at the outset an apparently sincere hope for the casual picking up of "a large number of young and progressive men of the State." But as the President wrote on, it appears that he could not repress his own inner feelings, and he proceeds to deal his party in Virginia a calm but none the less staggering blow. To our amazement we find him defining the converts which Mr. Slemp should seek as young men—

Who believe that by the rehabilitation of the Republican party in Virginia and the selection of able and upright men for candidates upon the Republican ticket and their election, the political conditions in Virginia may be greatly improved.

If a Democrat had used this language we should have passed it over as part of the inevitable asperities of political warfare. Virginia Democrats do honestly believe that the Republican party is suffering for a "rehabilitation," which the dictionary defines as the act of "restoring to public respect," some of them do feel that this rehabilitation must take the form of "the selection of able and upright men for candidates," even with the unpleasant implication this carries that the candidates hitherto have not always been men of this sort; many of them do candidly agree that such a complete change in the Republican party would "greatly improve" political conditions in Virginia. Democratic stump-speakers might say these things, grim and cruel as they are, and remain within bounds. But for a Republican President, without provocation and at a critical moment, to hurl them in the teeth of his scrambling fragment of a party, seems to us beyond all forgiveness.

Mr. Taft, President though he be, must be called to book. He must be made to understand that Virginia Republicans need help, solid, substantial help, and need it badly; and that they emphatically do not need, and cannot stand up under, artful but damning rebukes from their own leader, stunning backhanders where the helping hand was expected, merciless tearing at very recent scars by him who wins access under the mask of the great healing physician. How in the world can these unhappy strugglers hope to make progress when their own chief monitor blurs to the world that they must undergo complete transformation before they can be "restored" to public respect? How can they ever climb up if their great white father is so ready to kick and cow them back with loud public reminders of those errant days for which they have never

expressed penitence or received absolution?

PIONEERS OF THE DAIRY.

The Virginia Dairymen's Association, which closes its third annual session at Leesburg to-day, is a gathering of successful pioneers. Far-sighted men who realized the possibilities of dairying on unused Virginia acres, they seized the opportunity and entered upon an untrodden field. Almost without exception, they have been eminently successful; large profits, a growing trade and a promising outlook are before them.

The best tribute to the original dairymen in Virginia is the increasing number of dairies, now springing up throughout the State. Our farmers are not over-hasty in embracing new ideas, and when we find them investing their money in dairies at Farmville, Burkeville, Williamsburg, Scottsville and Cumberland, we may feel certain that they know that success is before them. The dividends from dairy stock are now small compared with what they will be in a few years hence. The 250,000 milk cows in Virginia cannot supply enough milk to operate the present dairies to the best advantage. But when the farmers once realize that they can readily sell all the milk they can produce, they will not be slow to increase the number of their cows. The dairies can then command a larger market and can gain larger profits.

The sure road to success for our State dairies lies in establishing a uniform standard for their products. "Elgin" butter is perhaps no better than a half-hundred similar products, but because its standard is fixed, its very name has become a sterling guarantee of quality. When our Virginia dairies produce butter that will not vary with the season, they can be sure of a steady market and the highest prices. And why should not this be? It costs no more to produce a pound of clean, golden, paper-covered butter than to produce a pound of the old hand-patted, watery, pale and uneven country article. Yet the former sells for almost twice as much as the latter.

Here again the demand is for improved methods. The new models of creamery machinery can reduce butter loss to a minimum, and the new theory of dairying can direct the sanitary methods of handling. If our farmers will adopt both, they have nothing to fear from competition anywhere.

It is agreeable to learn on first-hand authority that the recurrent gossip about the removal of the Chesapeake and Ohio general offices from this city has been utterly baseless and contrary to all facts. So far from this step being in contemplation, Vice-President and Traffic Manager Frank M. Whitaker will shortly move his offices from Cincinnati to Richmond. Instead of losing offices, this city is thus to gain them. Giving employment to a large number of young men as they do, the general headquarters of a great railway system make an important addition to the business life of a city of this size. Through bad management or bad luck, Richmond has lost the main offices of at least two important railroads in years past, and it is reassuring to learn that there is no remote prospect of her losing those of a third.

Mr. Taft found an old sweetheart of his out in North Yakima, Washington. We are certain that she remarked at once how he had grown.

Why not split the pole down the middle and hand a piece to each? Better that, we think, than to see it kicked into kindling wood.

Dr. Cook used to be a milkman, and doubtless the Pearyites are prepared to prove that he watered it outrageously.

"Democratic Success Our Only Hope," says the Staunton Daily Leader. Well, that's all we need, isn't it?

The Wright brothers have started suit against Curtiss for infringement of copyrights. Alas! The Little Cook-Peary affair of the upper world.

October already—hoigh! However, you can still do your Christmas shopping early if you run.

Been able to get the mothball smell out of 'em yet?

Peary and the Roosevelt are going to have a prominent place in the Hudson-Fulton parade. There is no way for Cook to get even now except to bring his sledge and dogs to the Richmond State Fair.

It is plain to us now that Commander Peary uses an inferior kind of mallet.

Reflecting upon the large bunches of money about to be let loose for irrigation and ship subsidies, the South respectfully begs the government to give her a pinch and quietly inform her where in the blazes she comes in.

The dispatches advise us that the Duke of Abruzzi recently saw Miss Elphinstone at Bad Gastein. We trust the duke did not find Gastein as bad as it is painted.

Leagues from all over the world come to Richmond offering us pennants, but we drive them away with ha-ha and hoots.

If any two men are going to joint-debate the tariff, we insist that Joseph Gurney Cannon shall be one of them.

A little igloo is a dangerous thing. Matters being as they now are, we suppose that in their official dealings Mr. Ballinger and Mr. Pinchot will have to use the President as a clearing-house.

We herewith warn the new month that it must hit a pretty stiff clip to put anything over on September.

Borrowed Jingles

THE ICE-CREAM SIGN ON the old main street. And the soda fountain that played. And the young girl with the maid. The garden gay with their palms and ferns. And the fountains spouting foam. Oh, where is the heart of yesterday? And where shall the young folk roam!

The ice-cream sign with a painted plate. Of vanilla (three feet high). They swing no more in the cafe door. To wheedle the passerby. And the soda, cream, at five per glass. It sizzles and sings, nay, nay—But nothing around to lure or to bound. A stranger that strolls by the way?

Al, look to the left where the ice-cream sign. In the breeze of summer swing; What letters are these that the eye can define? What legend is that they have hung? Sit still in my bosom, O heart that deplored! Thus the reason for ice-cream was through: Just think of the pleasure for all of us stored!

In: "Oysters—fried, scalloped or stew!" —Dallimore Sun.

Wayide Notes. "Why don't you tell people you wuz wif 'em Cook or Peary?" inquired the town sot. "I sit enough alone as it is," replied the wandering one—Exchange.

Athletic Papa. "What became of that young sport who used to call on you?" "Well, you see, papa is great on outdoor sports, so one night he threw him out." —St. Louis Times.

New Furs Every Year. "It must be nice to be an Eskimo woman." "What an idea!" "Just think of being able to get a new set of furs without waiting all year for them." —Detroit Free Press.

No Longer While. "Why do you linger so long at the sea-shore?" "I haven't the heart to go home and disappoint Peary." "Ah to how?" "He rhapodizes in every letter about my beautiful white arms."—Exchange.

Those Unspanked Young 'Uns. "Why are children so much worse than they used to be?" "I attribute it to improved ideas in building." "How so?" "Now a child is scared, and you can't spank a boy with a tin roof."—Lille.

SHOTS FROM THE GALLERY.

THE manner in which Whitney, the big game hunter, has sprung into the limelight, doubtless causes a certain bold hunter in Africa to regret keenly that he did not go after polar bears.—Birmingham News.

A soft answer may turn away wrath, as Solomon and President Taft agree, but the stick is more useful in turning down some of the rubbish once—Cincinnati Post.

Jerome is almost as fast as Peary in his remarks about the other fellow.—Boston Transcript.

If Mrs. Taft does not object to the President's association with all those Mormons, why should any one else?—Omaha Bee.

There are other pole discoverers—Prof. Fox, of Dearborn Observatory, has seen the South Pole of Mars. And he can prove it.—Florida Times-Union.

STATE PRESS

Buckingham at the Fair. The Duke of Buckingham, who has just returned from his tour in the States, will be the guest of honor at the State Fair, which will be held in Richmond Monday. He will be the most successful ever held. Our people are not only taking an interest in the exhibition, but many as eight or ten of our farmers will be exhibiting. And if some of them do not carry off some of the premiums we shall be greatly disappointed. Then we understand that the Duke of Buckingham will have a place in the tobacco department at the fair, and if anybody doubts that any county in the Commonwealth is doing better than the Duke of Buckingham, let them look to the samples sent down next week—Scottsville Enterprise.

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Let the Administration Be Compared. We believe that the history of Virginia under Democratic administration will compare favorably with that of any other State. All things considered, the Democratic campaign, during the past year, has been a success. The Duke of Buckingham, who has just returned from his tour in the States, will be the guest of honor at the State Fair, which will be held in Richmond Monday. He will be the most successful ever held. Our people are not only taking an interest in the exhibition, but many as eight or ten of our farmers will be exhibiting. And if some of them do not carry off some of the premiums we shall be greatly disappointed. Then we understand that the Duke of Buckingham will have a place in the tobacco department at the fair, and if anybody doubts that any county in the Commonwealth is doing better than the Duke of Buckingham, let them look to the samples sent down next week—Scottsville Enterprise.

Appropriations for Negro Education. With assistance is suggested by The Times-Dispatch that it concerns too much to the figures quoted by Mr. Cook, school superintendent at Wilson, N. C., in his effort to show that the Virginia negroes do not receive from the school funds of the State a proportion equal to their contributions to the public revenue. Our Richmond contemporaries very cogently the theory advanced by Prof. Cook, and it shows that some of the negroes are not so stupid as the negro taxpayers should not go to that side of the account; but in allowing the item of capitation taxes, \$125,000, to pass unchallenged, we feel that the Duke of Buckingham, who has just returned from his tour in the States, will be the guest of honor at the State Fair, which will be held in Richmond Monday. He will be the most successful ever held. Our people are not only taking an interest in the exhibition, but many as eight or ten of our farmers will be exhibiting. And if some of them do not carry off some of the premiums we shall be greatly disappointed. Then we understand that the Duke of Buckingham will have a place in the tobacco department at the fair, and if anybody doubts that any county in the Commonwealth is doing better than the Duke of Buckingham, let them look to the samples sent down next week—Scottsville Enterprise.

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OCTOBER 3rd.

The last Sunday Excursion to Norfolk and Seaboard will leave East Street Station 8:10 A. M. Sunday, October 3d. Last opportunity of the season to enjoy one of these delightful dollar-and-a-half Sunday trips to Norfolk and return via the Norfolk and Western Railway—the best patronized route, because it is the only line running through trains without change of cars.

C. H. BOSLEY, District Passenger Agent.

OVERCROWDED NEW YORK.

Eighty Per Cent. of City's Population Packed into Tenements. According to the New York World, there are in that great city some 275,000 dwelling-houses. Of these, according to a report just issued, 102,837 are tenement houses, affording in their 58,965 apartments living accommodations for 2,732,432 persons, or more than 80 per cent. of the population.

And while the term "tenement